Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, at what stage the question of X-ray is ?

Mr. President. Order, order. That is not in order.

Demand put and carried

24. Rs. 8,000 under "23-Medical—2—Mental Hospital—Dietary charges"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 8,000 under "23-Medical—2—Mental Hospital—Dietary charges". I request the House may be pleased to sanction the same.

Demand put and carried

25. Rs. 5,700 under "23-Medical—5—Tuberculosis operations"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 5,700 under "23-Medical—5—Tuberculosis operations—Dietary Charges". I request the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Cut motion

***Mr. Joseph Pettah** *(Adur):* I beg to move that the amount of Rs. 5,700 for Tuberculosis operations under "23-Medical" be reduced by Re. 1. My purpose is *to point out the necessity of increased provision for diet and other facilities for in-patients in the Tuberculosis Clinic at Trichur.* In the first place I beg to point out that this institution has proved to be a very useful one in Trichur and it is being increasingly patronised by the Public and the attendance is very generally increasing. In 1118 they had treated 1120 out-patients and 179 in-patients and I am sure more of in-patients would have been admitted had there been provision for the same. It may be very well-known to the Hon'ble Members of this House that this Institution came into being as the result of the munificence of a philanthropic private gentleman who is no other than the Hon'ble Member Mr. Thattil Kochuvareed, who is sitting on my left.

It was a very rare example of a munificence by a private gentleman shown in that most proper direction and a private party having done so much in this particular cause it is only proper that this institution is maintained by Government in such a fashion as to secure to the public the maximum benefit out of it. The more so has this point to be considered now. It is assuming greater importance now because on account of the dust nuisance in Trichur I should think that T. B. complaints are on the increase. The records in the hospital may not corroborate my statement as a matter of fact we know that T. B. complaints very generaly encouraged by the dust nuisance are on the increase. In fact the dust nuisance as everybody knows is deplorable in Trichur. Again another thing to which I would like to draw the attention of the Hon'ble House is this. There is I understand a proposal now pending with the Government of starting a Sanitorium at Mulakunnathukavu and I think we can count on the generosity of the old individual for a substantial contribution to that institution. My point in bringing that institution to the discussion is because that institution I understand would be a sanitorium where cases proclaimed and diagnosed as T. B. would be given admission. The Trichur Clinic would continue as an investigation post as it were so that cases may be investigated there and diagnosed properly and only deserving cases would be sent finally to the Sanitorium. So this proposal if it materilises would also be another reason to amplify the facilities now obtaining in the T. B. Clinic at Trichur. At Trichur no large ornamentation is necessary. I think the Chief Medical Officer will admit that the T. B. Clinic is a useful institution but on account of the limited facilities provided only very few persons are entertained there. In-patients are not entertained for a long period. They are entertained for a short period. Even for them the facilities are very limited. Of course more beds and more dietary charges have to be provided. I understand in the matter of other hospitals are in a serious predicament. Well I might have said the same thing about all the hospitals. I shall confine myself on the present motion to the case of Tuberculosis operation and the T.B. Clinic at Trichur before the House. In order to draw the attention and to do something by way of providing these facilities in the T. B. Clinic, Trichur.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Mr. President, I beg leave to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Member for Medicine, that it is not good enough to see that the dietary

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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charges are increased by the granting of additional amounts unless he is also prepared to see that the diet is properly served to the inpatients. My respectful submission, Sir, on very reliable information which I have been able to gather from some inpatients is to the effect that the rice that they get there is anything but human beings can eat. It is more than 60 per cent uncrushed paddy to preserve the vitamins. Whatever it be, the bran is added and a sufficient percentage of small pebbles also. It is this mixture that is served to the inpatients of the T. B. Clinic. This is nothing but congratulatory to the administration of the Government. I bring it to the notice that there is a general complaint and I hope you will look into the matter.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I second the motion. I am not moving my cut motion.

Mr. President: I have not received notice of the cut motion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I have sent up the motion and I have been allowed.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member is in order if he wishes to speak on this motion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I fully endorse what both the Hon'ble Members before me have spoken. In addition to that I wish to bring to the notice of the House that the T. B. patients coming from distant places do not find ready admission into the hospital; because of want of space they have to return to their villages. They have to remain there for three weeks before admission is secured. The Medical Officer in charge can act up only according to principle and that is seniority. When the seniority comes up it takes all the time and the patients will become very bad. Some additional provision has to be made for additional accommodation for cases which are rather bad and cannot afford to wait even a week for proper administration. With this I support the motion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Sir, I also avail myself of this oppurtunity of eliciting some information to provide X-ray treatment.....

Mr. President: TheHon'ble Member will resume his seat. The Hon'ble Member is not in order. This supplementary demand relates to the diet in the T. B. Clinic at Trichur. Ex-ray has nothing to do with it.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* An additional sum of Rs. 5,700 under Medical the allotment is asked for. But the Hon'ble Member for Adur has brought forward various other points which do not at all relate to it. I am very glad to hear that the T. B. Clinic is useful and to know that it serves a very useful purpose. Sir, here is the question of additional allotment under diet and I shall confine myself to that. In the year 1119 the budgetted amount was Rs. 3,100. The Civil Surgeon said that this amount was not sufficient and I agreed to it. He asked for additional sum of Rs. 5,700 an l he also mentioned after consultation with the officer-in-charge of the clinic that it would be advisable to give the patients diets such as meat, eggs, large quantity of milk, etc. It was to meet this additional expenses that I wanted Rs. 5,700. The patients in the T. B. Clinic do get in sufficient nourishing diet. In addition to that they get a cup of milk—8 ounces—supplied by the Indian Red Cross Society. On the whole the patients are not very badly looked after. I have never heard any complaints about the rice supplied till now. As a matter of fact when I went there about a fortnight ago I was told that the diet there was very excellent. I shall certainly enquire into the matter and do the needful. I request that the House will be pleased to grant the sum of Rs. 5,700 asked for.

Mr. Joseph P ttah *(Adur):* What I want to find out is this. The Hon'ble Member on the Government side is answering that the allotment asked for is sufficient for the arrangement now made but my point was not that. More of facilities have to be given so that more of inpatients might be admitted to that clinic so as to make it more beneficial to the publice. I think that point is understood by the Hon'ble Member for Medicine though he has chosen to confine his reply in a particular manner and since I believe that the position is well understood by the Government, the usefulness of the institution is admitted and also the necessity of enlarging that useful institution is also admitted I request leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Cut motion, by leave, withdrawn

Demand put and carried

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